

PEORIA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF OKLAHOMA

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“Where are we going”

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CHIEF'S MESSAGE

I was pleased to see so many tribal members at this year's Pow-Wow. Once again, the Pow-Wow committee did a fantastic job during the entire weekend. We had good weather and a great turnout of dancers, singers, drummers, and crowd of spectators. Again, great job committee!!

In the last newsletter, I mentioned the Business Committee was in the process of acquiring all of the shares of the Buffalo Run Hotel. The tribe is now the sole owner of the hotel. This has proven to be an extremely sound purchase. The hotel and casino management have developed several packages for guests to our properties. Packages include gaming, meals, hotel room and rounds of golf at Peoria Ridge. We are excited that all the facilities are now able to compliment each other and offer discounted packages to our guests.

Federal budget cuts are affecting the tribe in various areas of contracted service programs administered by the tribe.

Funding levels have decreased in many of our federal programs which will require the Business Committee to make some tough choices during these next several years. Tribal funded programs, scholarships, back to school reimbursement, and burial assistance are on the rise. The Education Committee reports this year was the largest number of scholarships they have recommended for funding. Many tribal members are attending or going back to college to enhance their education. This program has proven to give tribal members the necessary resources to assist them in achieving a better quality of life.

As fall approaches, please remember to be thankful for the many blessing we, as a tribe, and as individuals have received. Please contact me, or any of your other elected officials, on any questions you may have concerning our tribe. Many tribal members have sent letters to the Business Committee concerning issues discussed during the last Peoria Council meeting in March. I assure you those concerns have been sent to the appropriate committees which are preparing reports to the Business Committee, with recommendations of possible solutions.

Thank you for your support on behalf of the entire Business Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.

John P. Froman
Chief

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News from the Election Committee

Hello, fellow tribal members. The Election Committee feels it is necessary to inform you of the recent steps we have taken, and are continuing to take, to improve several aspects of the voting process.

We are currently revising the Election Ordinance and will be submitting the revised draft to the Business Committee for their October meeting. If approved, the revised Election Ordinance will allow an extension to the voting times on the first Saturday of March as follows: from the usual 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to the revised 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Although this is a small step in the direction we are hoping to go, it is a change that may allow more tribal members the opportunity to vote.

This month, we will also be submitting a letter of recommendation to the Business Committee to form a Constitution Revision Committee to revise the Constitution of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma to allow for voting changes and for absentee balloting to be considered. As you may be aware, our consideration of changing the Election Ordinance to allow for more voting days and/or absentee balloting was precluded by the legal opinion of the Tribe's attorney stating that such changes would be unconstitutional.

As always, the Election Committee invites and encourages written comments and/or questions regarding our Tribal

Election process to be sent to the following address: The Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma - Attn: Election Committee - P.O. Box 1527 - Miami, OK 74355.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Thank you,

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

*** REMINDER ***

In order to vote at the Annual Election of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma on March 3, 2012, you MUST present a government-issued photo identification and it MUST match with the name we have on the official voting list received from the Enrollment Office. Please make arrangements now to ensure you will be allowed to cast a vote.

Thank you,

The Election Committee of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma

PEORIA TRIBE SUMMARY OF TRUST FUNDS				
June 30, 2011				
ACTIVITY				TOTAL
114 ACRES AT WYANDOTTE				\$2,698.85
PEORIA DESCENDANTS		PRINCIPAL	0	10,232.01
		INTEREST	10,232.01	
EDUCATION (Transfer)				807.14
EDUCATION		PRINCIPAL	176,850.16	244,894.44
		INTEREST	68,044.28	
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	232,216.82
		INTEREST	60,065.87	
LAND ACQUISITION		PRINCIPAL	172,150.95	232,273.64
		INTEREST	60,122.69	
BURIAL		PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	78,879.16
		INTEREST	21,492.35	
TRIBAL GOV'T		PRINCIPAL	571,441.85	843,955.15
		INTEREST	272,513.30	
LEGAL		PRINCIPAL	57,386.81	79,992.30
		INTEREST	22,605.49	
TOTAL				1,725,949.51
				SUMMARY
OVERNIGHTER (U.S. TREASURY)				111,291.51
INVESTMENTS				1,614,658.00
TOTAL				1,725,949.51

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma Unaudited Summary Expenditure Budget Report As of 07/31/2011 (In Whole Dollars)			
Open FY 2012 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Indian Child Welfare	104,273.00	13920.27	90,353
Damage Assessment Project	0.00	1512.75	(1,513)
Title VI	105,300	4,952	100,348
Title VI Caregiver Support Program	33,540	-	33,540
Nutrition Services Incentive Program	15,575	-	15,575
Indirect Cost Pool	392,704	115,731	276,973
Tribal Properties	319,995	24,796	295,199
Trading Post	7,580	33	7,547
Children's Christmas Special Revenue Fund	9,200	170	9,030
Gaming Commission	381,500	116,352	265,148
Cemetery Special Revenue Fund	9,076	2,583	6,493
Pow Wow Fund*	33,223	28,768	4,455
Peoria Tribal Tax Commission	-	3	(3)
Education/Activity 2617	935,000	100	934,900
Economic Development / Activity 2614	150,000	19,004	130,996
Land Acquisition/Activity	100,000	-	100,000
Burial / Activity 2617	95,000	34,216	60,784
Tribal Government / Activity 2621	800,816	31,159	769,657
Legal Fees / Activity 2627	25,000	3,720	21,280
Totals FY 2011	3,517,782	397,019	3,120,763
Open FY 2011 Programs			
Account Title	Currently	Actual	Total
Indian Child Welfare	99,241	98,307	934
Higher Education Grant	57,259	8,783	48,476
Fish & Wildlife	205,874	23,960	181,914
Community Health Representative	54,237	48,236	6,001
HIS-Ground Water Study	9,000	-	9,000
Library	6,000	1,837	4,163
Wetland Program Development	37,701	87	37,614
Totals FY 2011	469,312	181,209	288,103
Open FY 2010 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Aid To Tribal Government Contract	246,006	57,957	188,049
Indian Child Welfare	90,531	89,731	800
IRR Roads	8,748	-	8,748
Water Resources Contract	32,000	19,125	12,875
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	40,000	39,500	500
National Parks Service	60,000	-	60,000
Child Care and Development Fund	742,949	526,614	216,335
Chronic Wasting Disease	10,000	9,767	233
Non Point Source Water Comp-PW	123,865	44,210	79,655
Water-Non Point Source-Base	50,000	24,819	25,181
Water Quality Program	121,053	73,651	47,402
Energy Efficiency & Conservation	65,400	48,342	17,058
Fire Prevention & Safety Grant	117,219	108,214	9,005
Totals FY 2010	1,707,771	1,041,928	665,843
Open FY 2009 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Aid To Tribal Government Contract	250,981.00	228,016	22,965
Fish Hatchery Maintenance	18,800	17,143	1,657
Fish & Wildlife	199,846	198,749	1,097
NAGPRA	60,483	38,540	21,943
IRR Roads	28,905	14,637	14,268
GAP	250,000	175,042	74,958
Air Program	133,238	123,705	9,533
Totals FY 2009	942,253	795,834	144,763
Open FY 2008 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Aid To Tribal Government Contract	333,218.46	326,861	6,358
Housing Improvement Program Contract	25,069	-	25,069
National Parks Service	65,207	71,269	(6,062)
Totals FY 2008	423,494	398,130	25,364
Open FY 2007 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Housing Improvement Program Contract	128	95	33
Totals FY 2007	128	95	33
Open FY 2003 Programs			
Account Title	Currently Budgeted	Actual Cumulative Expenditures	Total Budget Remaining
Housing Improvement Program	98,845	58,734	40,111
Totals FY 2003	98,845	58,734	40,111



THE ENVIRONMENTAL CORNER

Chronic Wasting Disease Article

It's that time of the year again. Whitetail Deer seasons are to begin with the opening of Bow Hunting season October 1, and all 2011 deer seasons will conclude with the end of Bow Hunting season January 15, 2012. Be sure to check Official Oklahoma Hunting Regulations for the required licensing, tagging, and check-in requirements, the date of specific hunting categories, and specific Oklahoma State zone regulations. A brief review of the seasons is as follows:

DEER SEASONS: The archery deer season runs from Oct 1 through Jan 15.

The muzzleloading season opens on the fourth Saturday in October and runs for nine days. The deer gun season opens the Saturday before Thanksgiving and runs for 16 days.

ARCHERY: Oct. 1 - 2011-Jan. 15, 2012

MUZZLELOADING: Oct. 22 - 30, 2011 (Antlerless days vary by zone)

GUN: Nov. 19 - Dec. 4, 2011 (Antlerless days vary by zone)

YOUTH DEER GUN: Oct. 14-16, 2011; statewide

HOLIDAY ANTLERLESS DEER GUN SEASON: Dec. 16 - 25, 2011 (Open only in certain zones).

The Peoria Tribe Environmental Department will again this year be participating in an ongoing monitoring program of our local Whitetail Deer herd for Chronic Wasting Disease. This program is sponsored by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Service, an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Any tribal members harvesting whitetail deer, either buck or doe, from within or near-by the traditional Peoria reservation boundaries, are invited to participate in our tribal survey. This can be done by donating a tissue sample, namely two lymph nodes from the pharyngeal or throat area of your harvested deer. Environmental personnel will be available to take the necessary tissue samples either at the Tribal Environmental Department laboratory, deer check-in stations, or at the final destination of the carcass. Environmental Personnel are available to take samples within 24 hours of harvest, at your call. Samples will be taken throughout the ongoing Oklahoma Deer Hunting Seasons. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

In addition, the Peoria Environmental Department would like to take samples from any fresh road killed deer within or near the traditional Peoria Reservation boundaries. If you know of any deer road kills, please notify the Peoria Tribal Environmental department of the date and location of that incident. Environmental personnel to contact are Environmental Director Jim Dixon, or any of the following Environmental Specialists Larry Tippit, Aaron Epperson, Cynthia Stacy, Pam Craig, or Chris Owens. Please call 918-540-2535 and ask for any of the aforementioned Environmental Department personnel.

Further information on our Chronic Wasting Disease monitoring program is available in the Peoria Environmental Department. Updates and pertinent information will be published regularly in upcoming issues of the Peoria Tribal Newsletter. Also the results of this 2011 program will be published in the future in a tribal newsletter at the conclusion and analysis of all samples. The results of each individual deer sampled and overall program results will be made available in the Peoria Environmental Department for those who would like to review it. All compiled sampling results will also be reported to the USDA APHIS VS, and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation. For additional information please call Environmental Specialist Larry Tippit, 918-540-2535 ex. 17.

Application Tribal Member Reimbursement Program For School Supplies/School Clothes

PO Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355

918-540-2535

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip Code

Phone Number: _____

Student's Name: _____

(Only one application will be accepted per student)Student's Tribal Roll #: _____ Birthdate: _____
(Attach copy of membership card)School Attending: _____
(Attach copy of certification of enrollment from school)

Grade: _____ Age: _____

MUST BE ATTACHED:☐

Copy of Tribal Membership Card

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Original Certification of School Enrollment

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Original Receipts of Purchases for School Supplies/Clothes

Date: _____ Signature: _____

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE/OFFICE USE ONLYDate Received: _____ Application Reviewed: _____ Membership Confirmed: _____
Enrollment Confirmed: _____ Reimbursement Requisition: _____ Check Mailed: _____**Program Description**

Reimbursements will be made in accordance with the following Guidelines and made payable to the parent/guardian submitting the application. Reimbursement checks will be mailed to the address as listed on the application.

Some examples of costs allowable for reimbursement under this program include paper, pencils, notebooks, backpacks, shoes, clothes, school uniforms, lab fees, activity fees, or other fees charged by the school system. All costs must be itemized on a printed receipt and submitted with the Program Application.

All applications for reimbursements must be submitted to the Education Director at the Peoria Tribal Office with all attachments required.

Only one application will be accepted per student. Applications may be submitted from August 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011. All applications submitted by mail must have sufficient postage and must be postmarked by December 31, 2011 to be eligible for reimbursement. Any applications received with postage due or postmarked after December 31, 2011 will be returned.

Guidelines

- Student must be an enrolled member of the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma.
- Must provide with application a copy of the student's tribal membership card.
- Student must be currently enrolled in grades K-12.
- Must provide original letter on official letterhead from school certifying the student's enrollment for current school year.
- Must provide original receipts for purchases showing description of items purchased, and cost per item.
- The maximum annual amount to be reimbursed per Student is \$100 and will be made payable to the parent/guardian submitting the Program Application.

School Back in Session

For twenty three million students nationwide, the school day begins and ends with a trip on a school bus. The greatest risk is not riding the bus, but approaching or leaving the bus. Before children go back to school or start school for the first time, it is essential that adults and children know traffic safety rules.

Drivers

1. When backing out of a driveway or leaving a garage, watch out for children walking or bicycling to school.
2. When driving in neighborhoods with school zones, watch out for young people who may be thinking about getting to school, but may not be thinking of getting there safely.
3. Slow down. Watch for children walking in the street, especially if there are no sidewalks in neighborhood.
4. Slow down. Watch for children playing and congregating near bus stops.
5. Be alert. Children arriving late for the bus may dart into the street without looking for traffic.
6. Learn and obey the school bus laws in your state. Learn the "flashing signal light system" that school bus drivers use to alert motorists of pending actions:

Yellow flashing lights indicate that the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. Motorists should slow down and prepare to stop their vehicles.

Red flashing lights and extended stop arms indicate that the bus has stopped, and that children are getting on or off. Motorists must stop their cars and wait until the red lights stop flashing, the extended stop sign is withdrawn, and the bus begins moving before they can start driving again.

Children

1. Get to the bus stop at least five minutes before the bus is scheduled to arrive.
2. When the bus approaches, stand at least three giant steps (6 feet) away from the curb, and line up away from the street.
3. Wait until the bus stops, the door opens, and the driver says that it's okay before stepping onto the bus.
4. If you have to cross the street in front of the bus, walk on the sidewalk or along the side of the road to a point at least five giant steps (10 feet) ahead of the bus before you cross. Be sure that the bus driver can see you, and you can see the bus driver.
5. Use the handrails to avoid falls. When exiting the bus, be careful that clothing with drawstrings and book bags with straps, don't get caught in the handrails or doors.
6. Never walk behind the bus.
7. Walk at least three giant steps away from the side of the bus.
8. If you drop something near the bus, tell the bus driver. Never try to pick it up because the driver may not be able to see you.

Parents

Teach children to follow these common sense practices to make school bus transportation safer.

Submitted by the CCDF program.

Child Care Development Fund Program

The child care program is funded through the Administration for Children and Families (ACF). This program is to provide childcare services and activities. The qualifications for the program are:

- There will always be a co-pay per child per month for each family.
- Live within 100 miles of the Peoria Tribal Office in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, or Oklahoma.
- There must be an Indian in the household.
- Be under 13 years of age; or be under age 19 and physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves; or under court supervision.
- Reside with a family whose income does not exceed the maximum net income level. There will be some deductions considered. Income level does not apply to the children that are physically or mentally incapable of caring for themselves.
- Co-pay **example:** Monthly net income of \$4,054.00 for a family of four, the co-pay would be \$105.00 per child per month. Every family will have a co-pay.
- Reside with a parent, parents or guardian who are gainfully employed or attending a job training or educational program; or receive, or need to receive, protective services.
- Adult must be at work or in class in order for the CCDF Program to assist with child care.

SUMMARY OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING - APRIL 5, 2011

Chief John Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation. Secretary Don Giles declared a quorum with seven members present. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of March 1, 2011, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for February 2011 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. No unfinished business was brought before the Committee. Motion was made and seconded to approve the revised Peoria Gaming Commission Budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Three resolutions were presented for consideration. Upon motions duly made and seconded, all were approved by unanimous votes: (1) Resolution R-04-05-11-A, "Resolution Approving Agreement Concerning the Cooperation and Coordination Among the Tar Creek Trustee Council Indian Tribes Pertaining to Joint Legal Representation in 2011 Legal Representation: The Cherokee Nation; Eastern Shawnee Tribe; Ottawa Tribe; Miami Tribe; Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma; Seneca-Cayuga Tribe; and Wyandotte Nation"; (2) Resolution R-04-05-11-B, "Contract for Hiring the Law Firm of "Shannon D. Work, P.C." and the Law Firm of "The Cleary Law Group" for Legal Counsel Needs for Pending Natural Resources Damage Assessment and Restoration Activities"; and (3) Resolution R-04-05-11-C, "Approval for Formation of Corporation and Appointment of Director". Public comments were received from Tribal member Leanne Reeves and Committee members Jenny Rampey and Jason Dollarhide. There was no request for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING - MAY 3, 2011

Chief John Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation. Secretary Don Giles declared a quorum with seven members present. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of April 5, 2011, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for March 2011 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to authorize Chief Froman to accept and execute the offer of \$500 to perfect the easement agreement with KAMO on property at Peoria Ridge Golf Course. Motion carried unanimously. No unfinished business was brought before the Committee. Motion was made and seconded to approve the new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Two resolutions were presented for consideration. Upon motions duly made and seconded, both were approved: (1) Resolution R-05-03-11-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll"; and (2) Resolution R-05-03-11-B, "Placement of Peoria Cemetery and Surrounding Property into Trust Status". Motion was made and seconded to approve the appointment of James Sharp to the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to table renewal consideration of the Cooperative Agreement between the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and the Illinois State Museum until the Repatriation Committee meets and makes a recommendation. Motion carried unanimously. No public comments were received. There was no request for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING - JUNE 7, 2011

Chief John Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation. Secretary Don Giles declared a quorum with six members present. Jason Dollarhide was unable to attend. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of May 3, 2011, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for April 2011 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve a donation of \$200 to ITC benefit pow-wow for Joplin. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to change the wording from a Master's Program scholarship to Graduate School scholarship funded for the same amount of time and same amount of money and when they apply they have to show they have been accepted into a graduate program. Motion carried unanimously. No unfinished business was brought before the Committee. Two resolutions were presented for consideration. Upon motions duly made and seconded, both were approved by unanimous votes: (1) Resolution R-06-07-11-A, "Resolution Authorizing Submittal of a Fiscal Year 2011 Indian Community Development Block Grant Application for Construction of the Peoria Tribe Fish Hatchery Facility"; and (2) Resolution R-06-07-11-B, "In Support of FY 2011 Tribal Energy Program Development". Motion was made and seconded to table the renewal of the Agreement with the Miami Tribe to act as Tag Agent. Motion carried unanimously. No public comments were received. There was no request for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

REGULAR MEETING - JULY 5, 2011

Chief John Froman called the meeting to order. Carolyn Ritchey gave the invocation. Secretary Don Giles declared a quorum with all members present. Motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of June 7, 2011, as presented. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to do a capital expenditure up to \$50,000 on amendment to the budget for the golf course and Tribal Enterprises for expenditure for bathrooms at Peoria Ridge Golf Course. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the financial reports for May 2011 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to remove discussion of the Renewal of the Agreement with the Miami Tribe as Tag Agent from the table. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to extend the agreement with the Miami Tribe to act as Tag Agent.

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Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made and seconded to approve the new members as recommended by the Enrollment Committee. Motion carried unanimously. Three resolutions were presented for consideration. Upon motions duly made and seconded each was approved by unanimous vote: (1) Resolution R-07-05-11-A, "Approval for Changes to the Peoria Tribal Membership Roll"; (2) Resolution R-07-05-11-B, "In Support of FY 2012 Tribal Wildlife Grants Program Funding Application to United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service"; and (3) Resolution R-07-05-11-C, "Integrated Waste Management Plan". Public comments were received from Second Chief Dollarhide. Motion was made and seconded to provide a donation of \$1,000 to help defray expenses of Charity Jones for training. Voice vote was requested. Votes cast were: Jenny Rampey, No; John Sharp, Yes; Don Giles, No; Jason Dollarhide, Yes; Carolyn Ritchey, abstain; Alan Goforth, Yes. The motion carried. There was no request for Executive Session. Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

EDUCATION

The education committee met August 5, 2011, 5:00pm. 2 members were in attendance, Alan Goforth and Sadie Detherage. Donna Fitzgibbon was not able to attend the August 5, 2011 meeting, however she was able to make special arrangements to meet with me at the tribal office prior to the meeting to review the submitted applications.

It was the decision of the committee to fund 91 renewal students, 30 new students, 5 part-time students, 7 graduate students, and 1 part-time graduate student. Letters were mailed to 37 students requesting addition information. It was also the decision of the committee to not fund 8 students due to incomplete applications.

Financial need is not one of the criteria for the Peoria scholarship. Every Peoria college student is encouraged to apply. Please feel free to stop by the Peoria Tribal Office for other financial aid or scholarship information. It is never too early to obtain a scholarship application. You may do so by writing Education Director, Peoria Tribe, P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355; by phoning the Peoria office 1-918-540-2535 ext 10 or 1-800-259-9987 ext 10; or check it out on the Peoria Tribal website, www.peoriatribes.com.

Application deadlines are July 31 for the Fall semester and January 7 for the Spring semester. Incomplete or postage due applications will not be considered. Students who accept scholarship funds but do not complete their obligation for that semester and maintain a 2.5 GPA forfeit their eligibility for one semester.

If you know a Peoria student who has received scholastic honors or other special recognition at his or her school, please let the Education Director know. The Peoria Tribe is proud of our students and would like to acknowledge their accomplishments in a future newsletter. If you have a family member who won't "toot their own horn", please do it for them. I can be reached at 1-800-259-9987, or 1-918-540-2535. Please feel free to call me with any questions you may have about the scholarship program or about the part-time funding.

Mandie Ferguson
Education Director

Indian Child Welfare

Indian Child Welfare services for the Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma are available to all enrolled Tribal members and, in most cases, to those who are eligible for enrollment.

The Indian Child Welfare Program (ICWP) is located in the Tribal Programs Building. If you should need our services, please feel free to contact us there. The office number is 918-540-2535; you can ask for Doug Journeycake, Director (Ext. 19 or Cell 918-540-4370) and/or Faye Woods, Secretary/Intake Worker (Ext. 32 or Cell 918-533-8808).

Tribal Foster Homes will soon become a future requirement. Would you be interested in becoming a Tribal Foster Home? Open your heart and home to children in need. Give children a chance to have a new and better life. The rewards of being a foster parent are there for the adults, as well as the wonderful results for the children. The process is relatively simple, you fill out an application, and we will do a thorough Federal and State background check on anyone over 18 years of age living in the home. We will require you to provide four personal references that the Indian Child Welfare Program (ICWP) will contact, and then the Indian Child Welfare Director, or his designated representative, will do a home visit in your home. Once that process is completed, the ICWP may license your home as a tribal foster home in conjunction with the approval of the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Doug Journeycake, Director
Indian Child Welfare

TRADING POST

ITEMS WITH PEORIA LOGO

T-Shirts, children (12, 24 month & 3T , ex.sm, sm., med., lg.)	\$8.00
T-Shirts, adults (sm., med., lg.)	\$8.00
T-Shirts, adults (XL)	\$10.00
T-Shirts, adults (XXL & XXXL)	\$12.00
Ceramic coffee mugs	
\$5.00 ea. Or 2/\$9.00	
14 oz. Travel mugs	\$5.00
Tribal Caps (many colors)	\$10.00
Novelty License Plates	\$6.00

OTHER ITEMS AVAILABLE

Peoria History Books	\$20.00
Miami-Peoria Dictionary	\$7.00
Child Shawl	\$20.00
Beaded Ear Rings	\$10.00—\$12.00
Beaded Necklaces	\$5.00—\$25.00
Leather Purse	\$40.00
Aprons	\$20.00
Dish Towels (set of 7)	\$40.00

Trading Post!!

The trading post has a variety of items available at reasonable prices. For children you might want to consider a t-shirt or a beaded night light cover. Almost any teen would appreciate a history book or dictionary to learn more about his/her heritage. Ideas for adults include coffee mugs for home or travel.

The sizes for the t-shirts are as small as 12 month and go up from there for adults. The trading post still has the dictionary of the Miami-Peoria language at a cost of \$7.00.

It is not possible for us to estimate the exact shipping charges for your order until we know the total weight of your items. Our estimated shipping/processing/handling fees are as follows:

Orders up to \$75.00 will be \$7.50 and over \$75.00 is going to be 10% of merchandise total. Please add shipping/handling charges as listed above to your purchase and make your check payable to PEORIA TRIBE and mail to PO Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355-1527. Allow at least 10 days for delivery.

Don't forget the beading class is for anyone to come and enjoy. If you know how to bead and would like to teach the ladies some new techniques please come by the office on Tuesdays between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

New White House Webpage dedicated to Native Americans is Launched

The White House has announced the launch of "Winning the Future: President Obama and the Native American Community" <<http://www.whitehouse.gov/nativeamericans>>," This webpage is meant to serve as another tool to help Indian Country navigate the federal government and learn about how the President's Agenda is helping to win the future for Native Americans.

At a recent White House listening session, tribal leaders asked for a centralized list of offices within the federal government that were responsible for serving Indian Country and upholding the federal trust responsibility. Accordingly, the new White House webpage contains a Resources Tab <<http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog/2011/06/27/historic-step-toward-true-trust-reform>> designed to be a toolkit for tribal leaders that brings together over 25 different agencies and departments into one, navigable location.

As the issues confronting Indian Country often exist across many different agencies, this resource is intended to help tribal leaders navigate the entire federal system. Additionally, as the webpage is expanded and improved, periodic e-mail updates will keep Indian Country updated and informed of the issues that affect communities on a day-to-day basis. Everyone is encouraged to share this webpage and to sign up for email updates <<http://www.whitehouse.gov/nativeamericans/sign-up>>.

TOOT YOUR HORN

The Stillwater RiverCats, who are 41-14-2 on the season, recently went undefeated and claimed the championship in the USSSA 10 & Under AAA Oklahoma State Championship, held in Muskogee June 17-19, 2011. The RiverCats are a local team made up of boys from Stillwater, Enid and Perkins. This is the 4th tournament they have won this year, and they recently went 14-0 in league play in Edmond and were crowned 10 year old champions. They will conclude their season July 6-10, 2011, when they compete in the USSSA Global World Series in Bixby, Oklahoma.

Pictured to the right, wearing their state championship t-shirts and medals are:

Front (l-r): Mason Skrimager, Drew Russell, **Caden Pogue**, Layken Young, Andrew Stemm, Lake Strickland Middle (l-r): Eli Riggs, Jackson Meyer, Brandon Hardesty, Caleb Case, Tex Pierce Back (l-r): Head Coach Chad Strickland, Coaches Bruce Russell, John Stemm, Virgil Case



Jason Pogue, RiverCat Parent

Congratulations to Brian Mitchell of Riverton High School on his selection as the 2010-2011 Kansas Coaches Association Coach of the Year. He led his Riverton Softball Team to a 23-1 record and the 2010 3A State Championship. Brian was recognized at the 2011 Summer KSHSAA Clinic in Topeka, KS. Your Mom & Dad (Mr. & Mrs. Don Mitchell of Miami) and your 3 daughters and Wife, Kim want to say, Congrats!!

Two of the Mitchell daughters, who play under Brian, made all-state 1st & 2nd teams this last year!! Congrats girls!!

Travis Saxton's family would like to congratulate him on his making the Bronco 3.23 GPA Honor Board.



I wanted to thank the Peoria Tribe for its assistance in my seminary education! The scholarship offered by the tribe helped greatly in my ability to complete my education. I am pleased to announce that on June 12, 2011 at the Annual Conference of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church I was ordained as an Elder in Full Connection. This was in part due to my successful completion of seminary education!



Thanks again to the Peoria Tribe and May God Bless Us All!

Rev. Michael A. Eddy



NEW BALL CAPS IN THE TRADING POST FOR \$12.00



PEORIA RIDGE GOLF COURSE

To schedule a golf outing of your own, please contact Peoria Ridge Golf Course at 918-542-7676.

Rates (Includes Cart):

Monday-Friday.....	\$30
Saturday-Sunday & Holidays.....	\$40
Senior (55 & Older) Monday-Friday.....	\$24
Twilight Mon.-Fri.....	\$26
Twilight Sat.-Sun.....	\$32
Member-Guest Mon.-Fri.....	\$24
Member-Guest Sat.-Sun. & Holidays....	\$30

Tribal Members Show Cards for Free Golf!

Tribal Members Guest	M-F	\$16.35
	S-S	\$19.60

Call the pro shop for monthly Promotional specials!

Christmas Party 2011

All Peoria Tribal members are invited to attend the 2011 Peoria Children's Christmas Party. The party will be held at the OTTAWA/PEORIA CULTURAL CENTER on Saturday, December 10, 2011 between 1:00pm – 3:00pm

We will have entertainment and refreshments. Santa will arrive at 2:00 to distribute gifts to pre-registered Peoria children. In November registration letters will be mailed to parents of Peoria children under the age of thirteen, residing within a 90 mile radius of Miami, OK. If you live outside this area and are planning to attend the party, please call the office and let Mandie know.

If you did not receive a registration letter and your child plans to attend the Christmas party, please notify me as soon as possible at the Peoria Tribal office at 1-918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987, I can be reached at extension 10.

There will be door prizes for our tribal elders, so bring your ENTIRE family. Please plan to attend the Peoria Children's Christmas Party!

Financial donations to the Christmas Party fund are always appreciated. Please let me know if I may acknowledge your gift in an upcoming Peoria Newsletter or if you wish to remain anonymous.

Mandie Ferguson – Christmas Party Coordinator

The Interfaith Forum

With the collaboration of the Hegler-Carus Foundation and Grace United Methodist Church, we are pleased to announce the formation of an *Interfaith Forum*.

The Interfaith Forum was created to promote harmony among all local religious and spiritual communities in order to enable respectful, appreciative and cooperative relationships with persons and communities of other traditions.

You may be aware that Dr. Paul Carus, a world-renowned scholar, writer and publisher in the fields of religion, philosophy and science, was an organizer of the first Parliament of the World's Religions in 1893 in Chicago. The Parliament did not meet again until 1993, but it has met every five years since then, in various locations throughout the world.

We share the vision of the Parliament of a just, peaceful and sustainable world in which:

- Religious and spiritual communities live in harmony and contribute to a better world from their riches of wisdom and compassion;
- Religious and cultural fears and hatreds are replaced with understanding and respect ;
- People everywhere come to know and care for their neighbors;
- The richness of human and religious diversity is woven into the fabric of communal, civil, societal and global life;
- The world's most powerful and influential institutions move beyond narrow self-interest to realize common good;
- The Earth and all life are cherished, protected, healed and restored; and
- All people commit to living out their highest values and aspirations.

We feel there is a need for discussion and interfaith relationships in our local area, as well as the world at large. Therefore, a discussion group will meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Hegeler Carus Mansion, 1307 Seventh Street, La Salle, IL. We invite you to come and participate in the discussion. Please RSVP to 270-703-9799 or by e-mail to teddibera@gmail.com on or before June 10, 2011. You may also use that contact information if you have any questions.

Toni Lucas	Kelly Klobucher
Spiritual Formation Director	Executive Director
Grace United Methodist Church	Hegeler Carus Foundation

Special Projects/ NAGPRA

Greetings to All,

I want to give tribal members an update regarding the progress on the Peoria Schoolhouse Project. We have received architectural engineer's updated plans for the improvement to the floor in the schoolhouse. This part of the project must be completed before we can move on to the historical refurbishing of the interior walls in the school. The plans are currently being reviewed by our contractor, Neal Group Construction of Joplin, Missouri. As soon as we are able to finalize those details we will be able to move on with the project. Again if there are any tribal members with pictures or any written account of the old schoolhouse, please contact the office so that we may visit.

- Family members of deceased Peoria Tribal members who served in any branch of the military please remember to contact the office so that we may include your loved one on the Veteran's Memorial marker at the Peoria Tribal Cemetery.
- Please take a moment to view the pictures from the Peoria Tribe Archaeological Collection housed at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield on the back page. And please remember we still have picture discs available for tribal members here in the office.

Respectfully,
Frank Hecksher

**NEW BOOK OF MYAAMIA AND
PEORIA STORIES PUBLISHED**

Developed through the Myaamia Project at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, the first collection of Miami-Illinois texts has been published. *myaami neehi peewaalia aacimoona neehi aalhsoohkaana*, a collection of Myaamia and Peoria narratives and winter stories, edited and translated by David J. Costa, is now available for purchase through the Trading Post. The cost of the book, including postage, is \$6.00 for shipping at book rate (7-10 day delivery) or \$8.00 for priority first class mail.

Dr. David J. Costa has spent much of the past twenty-two years translating and interpreting this collection of stories. Daryl Baldwin, Director of the Myaamia Project of Miami University, worked closely with Dr. Costa on the project.

The book is presented in a bilingual format where Miami-Illinois appears on the left page and a free English translation on the right page.

To quote Mr. Baldwin, “Our elders knowingly left these stories for us, all of us, of all ages and generations. The meanings behind these stories are culturally layered and deeply seated in our history. Uncovering this knowledge will take generations of thoughtful work. As a result of that effort, we hope the stories will continue to find themselves in expected and unexpected places within our communities.” He continues, providing clarity of storytelling, “Within the Myaamia community storytelling begins with *teekwahkahki* ‘the killing frost’ in late fall and commences with the arrival of *ciinkwiaki* ‘thunder beings’ in the spring. We believe it is the wish of our ancestors that we continue to follow this story telling pattern, for they warned us not to tell winter stories out of season.”

This book will be not only a vision into the past for many of us, but also a look into the future as it is shared with children and grandchildren for generations to come. These stories were filled with “lessons” to be learned as we continue to create new stories.

For those who are students of language who wish to learn more about pronunciation of the Miami-Illinois words, the Trading Post has available the *myaamia neehi peewaalia ka-loosioni mahsinaakani: a Miami-Peoria Dictionary*, released by Baldwin and Costa in 2005. The costs for the dictionary, including postage, is \$14.50.

Tribal Committees
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Annette Black.....	2013
Claude Landers.....	2013
Tabitha Sixkiller.....	2014
Lela Stand.....	2014

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Bill Blalock; John Froman

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Joann Evans, Chairperson; Roberta Lindsly; & Rick Landers

FROM THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE

Since May, the Enrollment Office has received seventy-one (71) address changes, fourteen (14) name changes, three (3) relinquishments, and seven (7) deceased membership notifications. Thirty-four (34) duplicate membership card applications were processed. The Business Committee has approved twenty-nine (29) new members. Currently there are 2989 tribal members.

Is your State Certified Birth Certificate on file in the Enrollment Office?

The Enrollment Office is continuing to update all tribal membership files. Many members have already sent in their state certified birth certificates. To comply with Federal guidelines and be eligible for a CDIB card, issued through the BIA, a state certified birth certificate is required. Reminder; state certified birth certificates must show, state file number, state seal, state registrars signature and parentage. If you are unsure if you have a state birth certificate on file, or need assistance in acquiring one, please call the Enrollment Office. We have most state applications for birth certificates in the office. Currently there are 1150 members without a state certified birth certificate on file.

Is your name updated in your membership file?

The Enrollment Office will be glad to assist any member who needs to have their name changed. If your name has changed and you would like your enrollment file to reflect your current legal name please bring or send in your legal documentation (such as marriage license, court order, etc.) and the change can be made. If you are receiving the tribal newsletter with a previous name listed on the address label, please call the enrollment office for assistance or send your legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, court order, etc.) so your file can be updated. It has been observed, the postal service has been returning newsletters and other miscellaneous correspondence sent from the Tribe if a persons name does not match their postal record.

Missing or Change of Address

We still have several members (658) listed on the whereabouts unknown list. Any and all help is appreciated in finding these members. Several members have contacted the office with an update of family members. When the Enrollment Office receives a telephonic or electronic address change, the Enrollment Office will send a change of address form to the missing member with a request for completing the change of address form. Once the Enrollment Office receives the original, signed, completed form, the address is updated and the form is placed in the members file for accuracy. The Enrollment Office must have written permission from the tribal member, over the age of 18, or the legal custodial parent, for members under 18, on file for address changes. If you know someone on the list, above the age of 18, please have them drop us a letter, with their signature, requesting the address change or send them the change of address form. If you have a child under the age of 18 (and you are the legal custodial parent) who is listed on the list, please fill out the change of address form, sign and return to the Enrollment Office.

For your convenience, a change of address form has been placed in the newsletter. If anyone has knowledge of a person or persons listed on the whereabouts unknown list, sending this form to them would be greatly appreciated. The address for returning the form is:

Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
Attn: Enrollment Office
PO Box 1527
Miami OK 74355

Thank you to all who have and will assist in this ongoing endeavor. All help is valued.

Enrollment Ordinance Reminders

The Enrollment Office receives calls with requests for help or general enrollment information. To help members, listed below are a few reminders of the Enrollment Ordinance, which was revised and approved March 23, 2002. Below are sections of the Enrollment Ordinance of which the questions or information are typically asked.

Section 2. Dual enrollment with another Federally recognized tribe is prohibited and such prohibition shall be strictly applied; an enrolled member of another tribe shall not be eligible for membership with the Peoria Tribe. If a member of another tribe wishes to become a member of the Peoria Tribe, they must first relinquish all membership with other Federally recognized tribes.

Section 8. Each enrollment application must be completed in its entirety and must contain sufficient information to determine the applicant's eligibility for enrollment. Applicants must list the following on enrollment applications: all names by which the applicant has been known, applicant's current mailing address, name and notarized affidavit confirming applicant is not enrolled with any other Federally recognized tribe, and signature of the applicant or signature of the person filing the application on behalf of the applicant.

Section 9. Applications for enrollment must be accompanied with a State certified birth certificate. Applications received without a State certified birth certificate will not be processed. The following must be visible on State certified birth certificates:

State Seal
State File number
State Registrar's signature

State certified birth certificates must also be recorded with the State Vital Records Division of the state of birth. The following documents **are not** acceptable when accompanied with enrollment applications:

Hospital birth certificates
Baptismal certificate (even when parents' names are shown)
Heirship records
County abstracts

Approval of birth certificates issued by foreign nations or other highest-ranking governmental sub-division with jurisdiction to issue birth certificates will be at the discretion of the Enrollment Committee.

Section 18. Changes to active membership records, such as name changes due to marriage or divorce, must be made by legal documentation (i.e. marriage license, divorce decree, court order, etc.). Active members with change of addresses and other status information must notify the Enrollment Office at P.O. Box 1527, Miami, OK 74355 or by telephone at 918-540-2535 or 1-800-259-9987. Maintenance and accuracy of membership record data is the sole responsibility of each tribal member. Each tribal member is personally accountable for correct membership record information (i.e. contact information and/or name changes). The Tribal Enrollment Office will review changes to membership records to be forwarded to the Enrollment Committee; the Enrollment Committee shall certify its recommendation of approval to be approved by the Peoria Business Committee. Changes to membership records must ultimately be passed by resolution from the Business Committee and submitted to the Miami Area Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs.

If I can be of any assistance please call (918) 540-2535 or (800) 259-9987.

Submitted by,

Donna Harp, Enrollment Clerk

Request for Change of Address

Date: _____

Tribal Member:

(First Name)

(Middle Name)

(Maiden Name/Last Name)

DOB: _____

(Social Security Number)

Roll No. _____

New Address:

Old Address:

Address

Address

City State Zip

City State Zip

Home Phone

E-mail

Signature of applicant

Please list all tribal members of household who will need to have address changed:

(Name) (Date of Birth) (SSN)

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The Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma has opened its Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Assault Program to all Native Americans in the 50-mile radius of the Miami Office. The program provides advocacy services, emergency shelter assistance, referral services, protective order assistance, rape response at all area hospitals, resume writing, career and education services, support groups and transitional housing assistance. The victim/survivor needs to provide proof of Indian blood, statements for requested assistance, and police reports/protective orders (if applicable). Any Native American living within a fifty (50) mile radius of the Miami Office that is a current or recent victim of family violence is eligible to apply. Please contact the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma at 918-787-5452 x 36 or 866 787-5452 x 36.

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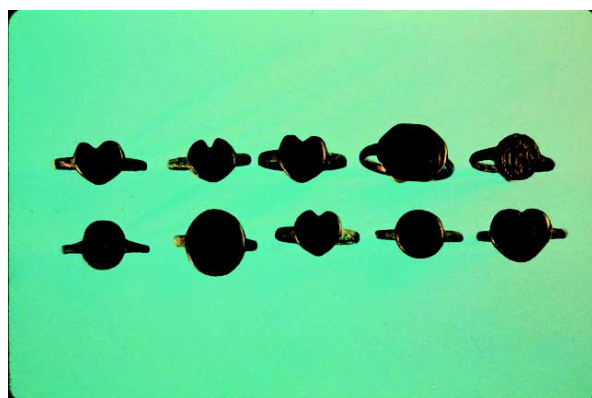
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